

MINIMUM WAGE MEASURE COMES BEFORE HOUSE

Defines Amount of Pay and Number of Hours Per Day for Women; Recommended for Passage.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 4.—Despite the effort of Jerry Howard earlier in the day to have a minimum wage of \$6 per day passed for the benefit of the legislative employees and to keep them from being bolshevik, it was a field day for labor in the house.

Jerry resurrected from the scroll of bills indefinitely postponed, H. R. No. 15, establishing a minimum wage for female workers and breaded into it the breath of life.

The bill provides a minimum wage of \$1 per day for all females less than 16 years of age, \$1.50 per day for persons over that age during the period of apprenticeship, said apprenticeship not to last over one year, and \$2 per day thereafter. The bill exempts from its provisions cripples and women engaged in housework.

The house voted to engross the bill and recommend it for passage, eight-hour day.

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Secretary of State Will Not Prolong Contest on Suffrage

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Lincoln, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Secretary of State D. M. Amsberry is glad he is enjoined from submitting the Nebraska woman suffrage referendum, and has no intention of taking a hand in the appeal of the "antis" in the Nebraska supreme court from the decision of District Judge L. A. Fitzmaurice.

"The new administration has no intention of prolonging the fight," he said.

Mr. Amsberry said the state would use all speed to pay its share of the costs, and get out from under the case where its sympathy was on the other side.

Deficiencies Totaling \$287,900 Are Sought for State Institutions

By a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—A bill for a deficiency appropriation of \$287,900 to meet current expenses of the 15 state institutions during January, February and March has been filed by the State Board of Control with the house finance committee.

Following is the amount required for each institution to complete the appropriations of the present session become available:

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BILL PROVIDES FOR DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

Candidates to Be Nominated by Petitions Containing Five Per Cent of Voters.

From a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, Feb. 4.—Under the provisions of a bill introduced by Senator C. Petrus Peterson today, Nebraska's constitutional convention, ratified in the amendment submitted at the November election, will meet in Lincoln December 2, 1919.

Under the Peterson bill each representative will be entitled to the same number of delegates as it has representatives in the legislature. This would make a constitutional convention of 133 members. Election of the members shall take place on the regular state election day and all laws governing other state elections shall cover the selection of delegates.

Nominate by Petition.
Candidates for members of the constitutional convention shall be nominated by petitions, five per cent of the voters of the district being required to nominate a candidate. The law contains the provision that the signer of the petition pledges himself to vote for the candidate for whom the petition is being circulated. The nominating petitions must be filed with the secretary of state not more than 60 days or less than 30 days prior to the election.

Vacancies Filled by Law.
The bill provides that if there are any vacancies they shall be filled in the regular manner prescribed by law in the house of representatives. The delegates shall draw the same salaries as members of the legislature. Incumbency of any other office shall not disqualify anyone from serving as a member of the constitutional convention.

Within 30 days after the passage of the bill, it is provided that the supreme court shall appoint a commission of five members to secure preliminary information relative to other state constitutions and any other information pertinent to the problems which must be dealt with. The bill carries the emergency clause.

Bills Passed by House at Its Tuesday Session

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Following is the list of bills passed by the house:

H. R. No. 119—Authorizes legal representatives of heirs in estate cases to compare and settle damage suits in their behalf. 52 to 6.

H. R. No. 114—Requires peddlers to have license numbers painted on wagons. 72 to 5.

H. R. No. 8—Amplifies rights of religious and charitable institutions with regard to receiving gifts. 72 to 1.

H. R. No. 29—Governs final reports in estate cases. 74 to 6.

H. R. No. 37—Appropriates proceeds of \$1-100 mill levy for state normal school. 74 to 6.

H. R. No. 51—Appropriates normal school endowment fund. 73 to 9.

H. R. No. 38—Appropriates normal school library fund. 72 to 6.

H. R. No. 58—Appropriates normal school cash fund. 72 to 6.

H. R. No. 15—Transfers Clay county from Seventh to Tenth judicial district. 74 to 6.

H. R. No. 105—Admits soldiers and sailors of world war to state soldier and sailors home. 50 to 9.

H. R. No. 10—Provides for weekly reports by county treasurers on tax collections for irrigation districts. 78 to 6.

H. R. No. 114—Raises salary deputy district clerk of Douglas county from \$2,500 to \$3,000. 75 to 1.

House Bills.

(Introduced Tuesday Morning.)
H. R. No. 149, by Droussard and Others—Memorializes congress to enact a bill establishing a civil war veterans officers' retired list.

H. R. No. 150, by Allan of Douglas—Fixes salaries of deputy county commissioners and other employees in counties having same.

H. R. No. 231, by Allan of Douglas—Fixes salaries of all deputies, assistants and clerks in office of district court of Douglas county, now fixed by county board.

H. R. No. 152, by Allan of Douglas—Carbon copy of H. R. No. 235.

H. R. No. 233, by Fuitts and Others—Authorizes codification and publication of all laws enacted since the constitution of the state as a supplement to said revised statutes. Supreme court to appoint codifier.

H. R. No. 254, by Jacobs—Provides for re-districting of all school districts in state by committee consisting of the county superintendent and two persons appointed by the county board in each county. Standard district to be 25 instead of 30 square miles.

H. R. No. 255, by Van Patten and J. Reid Green—Makes the governor moving picture clerk and creates a committee of seven, who shall receive pay for services, two permanent salaries and others by the day.

H. R. No. 256, by Jacobs and Purcell—Authorizes city of second class to lease or rent a privately-owned gas or electric plant.

H. R. No. 257, by Droussard—Gives Omaha water district power to condemn private property.

H. R. No. 258, by Wildman—Authorizes creation of public welfare boards in cities other than Omaha.

H. R. No. 259, by Barton Green—Provides that any lease of state educational lands, or assignee or such lease, who was the holder of a lease later that day and received a new and extended lease in lieu thereof, shall have the right to purchase the leased lands in the manner provided by law in force prior to July 9, 1897.

H. R. No. 261, by Jeary—Authorizes cemetery to buy, sell and lease of real property of any kind for benefit of cemetery.

H. R. No. 262, by Jeary—Appropriates \$1,000 to pay for paving abutting state property in Lancaster county.

H. R. No. 263, by Reynolds—Gives live stock insurance companies right to insure automobiles against collision and fire.

H. R. No. 264, by McLaughlin—Appropriates one-fifth mill tax for state aid bridge fund.

H. R. No. 265, by Douglas County Delegation—Requests Douglas county to furnish rooms in court house for municipal court.

H. R. No. 266, by Douglas County Delegation—Supplemental to 265.

H. R. No. 267, by Douglas County Delegation—Denies state railway commission power to regulate rates of service of telephone or street railway system in Omaha.

H. R. No. 268, by Douglas County Delegation—Authorizes cities of metropolitan class to reimburse citizens who advance, on the promise of the city to pay money with which to pay increased salaries to firemen.

H. R. No. 269, by Douglas County Delegation—Provides that no privilege, franchise or right to public streets or grounds shall arise by reason of use of space on or under thereof by any occupancy, acquisition of estoppel.

H. R. No. 270, by Briggs, by Request—Amendments to the law relating to the practice of dentistry, certificates, qualifications etc.

H. R. No. 271, by Wildman—Provides a system of licensing of real estate men and committing the enforcement thereof to the state railway commission. The license is issued by the commission and the fee is \$100 a year. License is not transferable. Bonds must be given and the commission may sue on these for violation of conditions, hold hearings and otherwise regulate. Dealers must record in books kept for that purpose all transactions and make yearly report.

H. R. No. 272, by Wildman—Fixes the following maximum rates for the services of graduate nurses: \$30 per week for regular cases, \$25 for contagious and obstetrical; less than a week, \$6 a day. They may receive room, board and traveling expenses in addition. For persons other than graduate registered nurses the maximum shall be \$20 a week and maintenance.

H. R. No. 273, by Burray and Byrum—Creating a uniform school text book commission for the state, which shall have charge of the selection of all text books to public and private schools up to and including the twelfth grade. It shall be composed of the state superintendent of schools, the state treasurer and the president of the state normal at Peru, Kearney, Wayne and Chadron. They get no compensation, and must not be interested in any publishing company. The books selected shall be used in all school districts of the state.

H. R. No. 274, by Ostermann—Limiting the jurisdiction of justices of the peace to own district.

H. R. No. 275, by Committee on Finance, Ways and Means—Appropriating \$2,952,000

for the use of the board of control in maintenance of 13 state institutions.

H. R. No. 276—Amending the law making harmless liable for the support of insane in public insane hospitals by including the wife or children.

H. R. No. 277, by Anderson of Butler—In lieu of the special motor vehicle tax that the roads and bridges bill transfers from county control, this bill fixes the limits of license that counties may make for the maintenance of state roads.

H. R. No. 278, by Purcell—Provides that where land owners agree to build separate fences with a lane between and one does not do so, the other may build it and recover.

H. R. No. 279, by Goodrich—Adds electric light company bonds to the list of securities in which the state educational lands and funds may invest funds.

H. R. No. 280, by Anderson of Hamilton—Prohibits state railway commission from issuing any order, regulation or injunction which shall in any way prevent competition among public service corporations.

H. R. No. 281, by Byrum—Gives cities of the second class and villages the right of eminent domain for the establishment of public utility.

H. R. No. 282, by Hostetter and Harris—Appropriates \$6,000 for the relief of Maude Ganson, who was crippled by a fall at the Kearney State normal.

H. R. No. 283, by Committee on Claims—Appropriates \$257,900 for deficiencies in state institutions operated by the board of control.

H. R. No. 284, by Purcell—Provides for a public county exhibit of school works for appropriation of not less than five or more than 10 cents for each pupil of school in the county, for premiums and expenses.

H. R. No. 285, by Anderson of Butler—Requires that all vehicles and trailers for all automobiles and tractors be carried in stock in the state.

H. R. No. 286, by Sturdevant and Bethke—Provides for the sale of state school lands, that they shall be appraised by the county boards, and excepts from such sale all lands containing mines, peat or minerals, and provides for the lease of these latter lands.

H. R. No. 287, by Morrison—Provides for the registration of female voters.

H. R. No. 288, by Mathewson—Creates a county stock board composed of the chairman of the county board, the county clerk, treasurer and county attorney, and provides that their approval must be had upon all stock transactions before any stock therein is sold in the county.

Senate Bills.

(Introduced Tuesday.)
S. F. No. 129, by Saunders—Provides for deputies and assistants in office district court and fixes salaries in all counties equal to 150 cents per month.

S. F. No. 130, by Peterson—Amendments in workmen's compensation law, authorizes an insurance fund for workmen's compensation, and provides for the construction of court house in Platte county at Columbus.

S. F. No. 131, by Peterson—Appropriates school taxes collected from railroad, sleeping car, express, pipe line and other public utility companies for general school districts of the county according to the number of pupils.

S. F. No. 132, by Reed—Amending double shift election board law and fixes time for counting board to commence counting.

S. F. No. 133, by Bradstreet—Changes homestead exemption from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

S. F. No. 134, by Simon—Provides for attorney fees in condemnation cases.

S. F. No. 135, by Corbett—Provides method of condemnation of land for school purposes.

S. F. No. 136, by Harris—Raises salaries of county superintendents.

S. F. No. 137, by Simon—Fixes fees of clerks of district courts.

S. F. No. 138, by Weaver—Fixes rate of inheritance tax, raising same from 1 per cent to 2 per cent on amounts of \$25,000 to \$50,000 and fixes a uniform rate of 5 per cent on all in excess thereof.

S. F. No. 139, by Barr—Forming post graduation districts under the state entomologist.

S. F. No. 140, by Good—Authorizes Live Stock Sanitary board to provide for the disposition of carcasses of domestic animals dying from disease, etc.

S. F. No. 141, by Chappell—Regulates sale of lots in cemetery associations.

S. F. No. 142, by Chappell—Requires applicants for marriage license to make affidavit of qualifications to enter married state before receiving license.

S. F. No. 143, by Saunders—Authorizes persons or corporations transacting telephone or telegraph business to sell its property rights, etc. to another corporation.

S. F. No. 144, by Saunders—Nonresident alien or corporations holding title to real estate may lease title thereto and same to be sold within 10 years after title acquired and in default shall escheat to the state; exempts real estate necessary for railroad, telephone and telegraph companies, also exempts real estate in corporate cities and towns.

S. F. No. 145, by Hoagland—Permits attorney fees to be assessed against a lot or damage to goods in transit.

S. F. No. 146, by Weaver—Authorizes mayor and council of city of second class or village to employ special engineer

in place of city or village engineer, if deemed expedient.

S. F. No. 147, by Weaver—Increases limit of bonded debt of second class cities and villages, for sewer construction, from 10 to 14 per cent of assessed valuation.

S. F. No. 148, by Weaver—Raises interest limit of sewer bonds for second class cities and villages from 5 to 6 per cent.

S. F. No. 149, by Peterson—Defines cooperative associations as any organizations for the purpose of collective bargaining, marketing and purchasing, where net profits are distributed on a basis of patronage. Declares such associations partnerships, not corporations. Permits liability of individual members to be limited. Exempts such associations from all "blue sky" or other control as to solicitation of membership.

S. F. No. 150, by Saunders—Amends Omaha water district law. Provides that board of directors shall fill vacancy that may occur for unexpired term of incumbent instead of only until next election. Removes salary limit of \$5,000 upon general manager, and forbids decrease during incumbency of any appointee. Authorizes an insurance fund for employees. Requires city to pay cost of all employees.

S. F. No. 151, by Peterson—Requires persons seeking appeal from police court to file bond within 24 hours and pay cost of transcript. Designed to clear up uncertainty in present law.

Former Queen Dead.

Basel, Switzerland, Feb. 4.—Former Queen Maria Theresa of Bavaria died last night at the Chateau Wildenhard.

Wants Committee to Take Charge of Books Printed in German

From a Staff Correspondent.
Lincoln, Feb. 4.—In order to eliminate from the libraries of the state the 1,200 volumes printed in the German language, which include in their printed pages the words and music of such songs as "Deutschland Ueber Alles," "Der Kaiserlied," and "Die Wacht am Rhein," Representative Jacobson introduced a resolution in the house today to appoint a committee of the state library to appoint a committee to take charge of these books.

This will include all books in the traveling libraries of the state. The committee named by the chair consists of Jacobson, Sturtevant and Lempert, and they will have the power to recommend the final disposal of such books.

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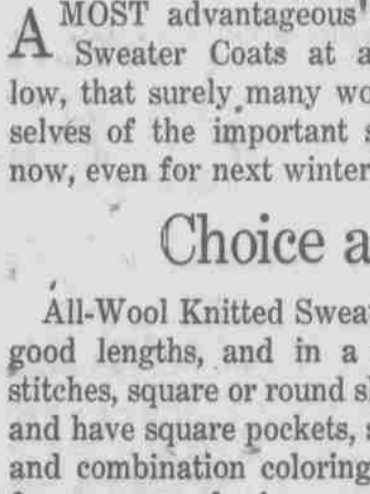
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